

whom he has admitted is not only honest but wise. But he must show some cause for not voting for Mrs. Young. She is an autocrat!

During Mrs. Young's superintendency she has organized teachers' councils to discuss the needs of the schools. Is this the act of an autocrat? I say that it is the essence of democracy—just what that trustee was clamoring for our schools.

And what did one of our daily papers comment on this very democratic impulse? It came out with headlines: "Mrs. Young is letting the teachers run her schools for her!"

Our large department stores know the value of suggestions from their employes. They have boxes to receive suggestions from any employe. I have been told the employes are paid a sum of money if their suggestions are used.

There is nothing in the business world as stupendous in management as the care of our children in our schools. When Mrs. Young shows the democratic spirit she is met with a sneer. When she does not listen to some trustees who possibly are seeking something that will be detrimental to our schools then Mrs. Young is an autocrat.

To my mind she shows a wonderful courage to attend her way in spite of all attacks.

Another instance of Mrs. Young's democratic spirit: She told the senate investigation how she selects text books for the schools. She writes to all book concerns for sample copies and the prices and then she selects a committee composed of superintendents, principals and teachers and with their assistance the text books are selected for our schools. Is this the act of an autocrat?

Mrs. Young's door is open to every visitor. She says she wishes no one sent away, lest she slight an angel unawares.

This letter, as you may judge, is written by an admirer of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young. I have never seen Mrs.

Young except in a public meeting. She would not know me from Adam if she met me. And she will never know the author of this letter. I have no favors to ask, nor office to seek, but I wish to pay my respects to the greatest exponent of democracy in the public schools of America.—E. A.

GOLDEN TEXT NO. 16. — Leo XIII., Letters, page 92: "The great error of this age—that all religions are alike — is calculated to bring about the ruin of all forms of religion, especially of the Catholic religion, which, as it is the only one that is true, cannot, without great injustice, be regarded as merely equal to other religion." (Is the rock imperiled by the mere breath of error?)—C. H.

WAR PREPAREDNESS.—An article signed "A Christian" seems to convey the impression that because we trust in God we should not take even ordinary precautions for our protection. It does not seem to me to be good Christian faith to expect God to accomplish miracles merely because we neglect to avail ourselves of the means he has given us for our own safety and protection. Since the bible shows so clearly that in many instances God has advocated war and has commanded his servants to take certain cities by force at a great sacrifice of human life, I fail to see where we are insulting God by protecting our nation's honor and its citizens. If we did not have an army and navy can you not imagine my Christian friend, what a downtrodden nation we would be?

If your principles are true expressions of Christianity, then I am glad that I am not a Christian.—A Humanitarian.

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Our prohibition district residents understand why an illicit saloon is called a blind pig. It is because it is made possible by an office-holding hog who agrees not to see.